

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bob Iannacone for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this body should honor those estimable citizens who have performed their duties with the utmost probity and whose efforts throughout their years have been dedicated to providing thoughtful and exemplary service to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bob Iannacone is one such distinguished citizen who has served with honor and distinction during his exemplary career in economic development and in the corporate world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Iannacone will be taking a much deserved retirement from his post as Director of Economic Development for Williamson County on July 2, 2007, leaving behind an incomparable record of public service that present and future leaders would do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Bob Iannacone served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Texas, he then served a two year tour of duty at Itazuki Air Base on the southernmost Japanese island of Kyushu; and

WHEREAS, prior to his corporate career, Mr. Iannacone was Assistant Executive Director for the Prince Georges Chamber of Commerce in College Park, Maryland, and Executive Assistant of the Williamsport Chamber of Commerce in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, he then worked for twenty-three years as a corporate manager for the Bell System's Western Electric manufacturing unit in Baltimore, Dresser Industries Tool Group in Chicago, and Textron in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Bob Iannacone received a B.S. degree in Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Maryland, graduated from John Hopkins University with a Master's degree in Liberal Arts, and in 1995, he graduated from the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Iannacone has held the highest leadership position at the Williamson County Economic Development Council (WCEDC) since 1991 and has been responsible for the planning and implementation of quality development and economic growth in the county; to date, he has been directly involved or has assisted in corporate relocations and expansions valued at an estimated one billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, through innovative marketing efforts, including the award-winning annual Economic Development Showcase program, Bob Iannacone has attracted to Williamson County such companies as LDM Technologies, PRIMUS/Ford Motor Credit, BioMimetic Therapeutics, and Healthways, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his profession, Bob Iannacone is a member of several national and state economic development organizations, including the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Corporate Real Estate Network, International Development Council, Southern Economic Development Council, and the Tennessee Industrial Development Council; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional gentleman is also active in the Nashville Area Chamber's Partnership 2010 program and serves as a board member of several non-profit organizations, including Williamson Works, Inc., Tennessee Biotechnology Association, Transportation Management Association, and Community Housing Partnership of Williamson County; in addition, he serves as Secretary of Workforce Essentials, holds county representation in the Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation of the Greater Nashville Regional Council, and is a valued member of the Nashville Technology Council; and

WHEREAS, Bob Iannacone and his wife, Pat, have lived in Brentwood, Tennessee for twenty-one years, and they have two sons, Mark and Paul; two daughters, Sherri and Melissa; five grandsons; and one granddaughter is on the way; and

WHEREAS, Bob Iannacone exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career as Director of Economic Development for Williamson County, Mr. Iannacone has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of all those fortunate to know him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend and congratulate Bob Iannacone for his many years of laudable service to the good people of this State as Director of Economic Development for Williamson County, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.